

and provide clinical services to children throughout the state.

Community service is also a strong aspect of David Kruger's membership in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M., where he has been a member of Norfolk Lodge No. 1 for over 50 years and of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Alexandria, since 1946. In 1991, the Grand Lodge of Virginia awarded Dr. Kruger one of its highest honors, the John Blair Medal for Distinguished Service. The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., USA also honored David Kruger for his many services to community, state, and nation. He was invested a Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1953 and Inspector General Honorary 1963. After serving as President of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia in 1975, Dr. Kruger became the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Virginia in 1985 (13,343 members in 2002). In 1989, he became Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33[deg], S.J., USA (369,474 members in 2002 in 35 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico). In this influential role, he has been central in guiding the development of 161 clinics, centers, and programs throughout the United States. During each year of the two-year period ending December 31, 2000, a total of 57,413 children with language and learning differences received evaluation or therapy. Left untreated, these children would have been permanently handicapped. Dr. Kruger's service has even gone beyond the United States to Canada where he is an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of Canada and the Supreme Council of the International Order of DeMolay, a Masonic group for young men.

At age 80 as he concludes, due to statutory limitation, his service in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, other awards and honors still accumulate to recognize David Kruger's continuing role in bettering the lives of many thousands of children and fellow citizens. David Kruger will never retire from these roles. Given his long record and deep sense of civic, religious, and philanthropic involvement, every American, Mr. Chairman, will continue to be enriched by the life and service of this notable Virginian and American.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AND THE NEW ZEALAND ROYAL AIR FORCE

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of individuals who did a great service to our nation. These men are fighter pilots from the Royal Australian Air Force and the New Zealand Royal Air Force who were assigned to United States combat units and served as Forward Air Controllers during the Vietnam War. I would like to honor the following individuals:

Royal Australian Air Force: Wg. Cdr. Col Ackland, Flt. Lt. Ray Butler, Fg. Off. Peter Condon, Flt. Lt. Garry Cooper, Flg. Off. Mac Cottrell, Wg. Cdr. Vance Drummond, Flg. Off. Huck Ennis, Flt. Lt. Brian Fooks, Flt. Lt. Tony Ford, Flg. Off. Frank Fry, Flt. Lt. Dick Gregory,

Flt. Lt. Jack Hayden, Flg. Off. Chris Hudnott, Flg. Off. Dick Kelloway, Flt. Lt. Chris Langton, Wg. Cdr. Peter Larard, Flg. Off. Chris Mirow, Flt. Lt. Ken Mitchell, Flg. Off. Bruce Mouatt, Sqn. Ldr. Graham Neil, Sqn. Ldr. Dave Owens, Wg. Cdr. Tony Powell, Sqn. Ldr. Rex Ramsay, Flt. Lt. Doug Riding, Flg. Off. Dave Robson, Flg. Off. Barry Schultz, Flt. Lt. Bruce Searle, Flt. Lt. Ken Semmier, Flt. Lt. Arthur Sibthorpe, Flt. Lt. Ron Slater, Flt. Lt. Peter Smith, Wg. Cdr. Barry Thomas, Flt. Lt. Gavin Thoms, Sqn. Ldr. Nobby Williams, Flt. Lt. Roger Wilson, Flt. Lt. Bruce Wood.

New Zealand Royal Air Force: Flt. Lt. Murray Abel, Flg. Off. Mike Callanan, Flt. Lt. J.M. Denton, Flg. Off. B.W. Donnelly, Flt. Lt. Ross Ewing, Flt. Lt. Graeme Goldsmith, Wg. Cdr. R.F. Lawry, Flt. Lt. Bryan Lockie, Fg. Off. Darryl McEvedy, Flt. Lt. Dick Metcalfe, Sqn. Ldr. John Scrimshaw, Flt. Lt. G.R. Thompson, Wg. Cdr. Wallingford, Flt. Lt. Peter Waller.

I would also like to recognize Lt. Col. Eugene Rossel and, Flt. Lt. Garry Copper for actively pursuing decorations for these men who served our country in a time of need.

HONORING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE OF JASON JACKSON-HAMPTON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Jason Jackson-Hampton, a remarkable young man who gave his life on September 5, 2002, while serving with the Almarville, Tennessee, Volunteer Fire Department. He was just 17 years old. Jason touched the hearts of his fellow firefighters when he joined the department as an Explorer. Chief Greg Capps recalled that his young volunteer's positive attitude and ready smile were an inspiration to all who knew him.

Jason graduated from Smyrna High School last May. Through his dedication, hard work and natural leadership abilities, he attained the rank of second lieutenant in the school's ROTC Program and planned to join the U.S. Army.

He loved McDonald's double cheeseburgers and fries, perks he enjoyed at the fast-food restaurant where he worked.

Firefighters from every municipal and volunteer fire department in Rutherford County, Nashville, Watertown, Fairview and Brentwood attended the memorial service. During the funeral procession, children and adults saluted as his casket, carried atop a fire engine, passed by.

During his inaugural speech, President John F. Kennedy inspired Americans to, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Jason Jackson Hampton's life was a portrait of service and dedication to his family, friends, co-workers and Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: DEPUTY JOE SCOTT AND DEPUTY DAVID HARRISON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to take this opportunity to honor Deputies Joe Scott and David Harrison of Montrose County Sheriff's Office for a selfless act of courage they displayed on June 13, 2002. Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison have just recently received the prestigious "Life Saving" medal on August 9, 2002 in recognition of their bravery and conduct in a time of crisis.

On June 13, 2002, Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison saved the life of a suicidal woman who was attempting to drown herself in the rapids of Spring Creek near a culvert that runs under Spring Creek Boulevard in Montrose, Colorado. Without any regard for their own personal safety, Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison jumped into the water and pulled the woman to safety. The two officers maintained their composure during a time of adversity and conducted themselves in a fashion that has brought honor to themselves, to their profession, and to the entire community of Montrose County.

Only last week, citizens throughout the country will recognize the horrible tragedy that occurred just one year ago on September 11, 2001. We recognized the men and women who died in the attacks, and those who gave their lives to save others. While the tragedy of September 11 deserves our full attention and reflection, I would also like to take the time to recognize all individuals throughout the country, who like Deputy Scott and Deputy Harrison, have devoted their lives to protect and serve their fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Deputy Joe Scott and Deputy David Harrison of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office before this body of Congress and this nation as outstanding deputies with impeccable character. The citizen's of Montrose County, CO and Americans throughout the nation should be honored to have officers like Deputy Joe Scott and Deputy David Harrison who faithfully serve their communities and their country every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY J. BURKS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend and an outstanding citizen of Tyler, Texas—Larry J. Burks—who recently was honored by the Garden Club of America as the recipient of its prestigious award, the Jane Righter Rose Medal. A second generation rose grower/processor, Larry is known throughout the rose industry for his dedication to rose advocacy at the local, state and national levels. This medal is awarded for outstanding achievement in rose culture through the propagation of new